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**Remittances to hit $17B this year**
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**SWEPT AWAY** A member of the Philippine Coast Guard's medical assistance response team helps a colleague to cross a flooded national highway in Botolan, Zambales, with very strong currents by holding on to a rope placed across the road so rescuers could access those who need to be evacuated. Two hundred families are in elementary schools in Porac and Basa towns in Pampanga while 1,300 families were in the gym at the Botolan town proper. Evacuation is ongoing at press time. Soldiers and policemen are also helping in the rescue effort.

# 9 dead in floods, slides

## Mar proposes to rename Edsa Cory Avenue but…

By Michael Lim Ubac

IS IT LABAN O BAWI? (FIGHT or withdraw?)

Sen. Mar Roxas yesterday proposed to change the name of historic Edsa (Epifanio delos Santos Avenue) to "Cory Aquino Avenue" in honor of the memory of the People Power heroine.

But within five hours after his office had put out the press release announcing his proposal and before his idea could fly, the senator, who is running for president in 2010, withdrew it.

By the time Roxas pulled out his proposal at 5:30 p.m., the story had already been posted online. Inquirer.net put it up at 2:33 p.m., GMA news.tv at 2:08 p.m. and abs-cbn.com at 4:59 p.m.

Roxas had apparently changed his mind.

"Please don't use our press release today on Edsa to be named Cory Aquino Avenue. Please disregard," said a text sent by Jenny Bagarin, one of the media relations officers of the senator.

"Laban o Bawi" is a game segment in a noontime TV show where a contestant is made to choose between the

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**RISKY RESCUE** A Philippine Air Force chopper from Clark hoists up a stranded resident from her house during heavy flooding in 19 barangays after the Bucao Dike collapsed at the height of Typhoon "Kiko" (international name: Morakot) in Botolan. About a thousand families fled to their roofs. (More pictures on Page A8)

## 2 French, 1 Belgian drown in Tarlac river

By Inquirer Northern Luzon and Inquirer Central Luzon

AT LEAST NINE PEOple, including three foreigners trekking on Mt. Pinatubo, died in flash floods and landslides triggered by Typhoon "Kiko" in Central and northern Luzon on Thursday and Friday, according to reports gathered by the Inquirer.

Strong rains caused the O'Donnell River in Capas, Tarlac, to breach its banks on Thursday afternoon, sweeping three foreigners and their Filipino guide in the currents.

Senior Supt. Rudy Lacadin, Tarlac police director, said three Koreans and six French nationals survived the flash flood that occurred as they descended Pinatubo on Thursday afternoon.

The Tarlac police and the Provincial Disaster Coordinating Council (PDCC) identified the fatalities as Cloder Martine and Cellier Thierry, both of France; Stephane Walter of Belgium; and their Filipino guide, Orlando Fernando.

The foreigners were part of a group of eight French nationals and one Belgian who registered at the Pinatubo Development Center in Capas at around 7:30 a.m. on Thursday.

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## Noynoy touted as vice presidential bet

By Leila B. Salaverria

THE LIBERAL PARTY MAY soon be caught in a predicament it would love to be in.

With Sen. Benigno "Noynoy" Aquino III now touted as a possible vice presidential candidate, the Liberals will have two strong choices when they pick the running mate of their standard-bearer, Sen. Mar Roxas, a party leader said yesterday.

Their other vice presidential choice would be Sen. Francis "Kiko" Pangilinan, Muntinlupa Rep. Rozzano "Rufus" Biazon told the Inquirer.

Pangilinan has already signified his intention to join the vice presidential race.

"We will cross the bridge when we get there," Pangilinan said, when asked about the possibility of him and Aquino contending for the No. 2 slot in the LP presidential ticket.

Asked about the possibility of him teaming up with Roxas, Aquino the other day said he

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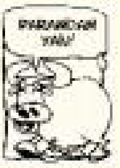
### Morbid media mix-up: Aquino becomes Arroyo

By Alcuin Papa and TJ Burgonio

IT WAS A NOT SO MERRY, MORBID mix-up.

Media coverage during the funeral and burial of former President

MORBID A8




## ₱25,000 each for 4 honor guards

By Nina Catherine Calleja, Fe Zamora and Tarra Quismundo

THE FOUR HONOR GUARDS who received heaps of praise and recognition as they stood immobile on a flatbed truck carrying the casket of former President Corazon "Cory" Aquino during her funeral procession received ₱25,000 each for "nine hours of honor and duty," raised by grateful businessmen and former senator Agapito "Butz" Aquino.

For almost nine hours, the four honor guards—Police Officer 1 Danilo Maliah Jr., Petty Officer 3 Edgardo Rodriguez, Airman 2nd Class Genie Laguindam and Private 1st Class Antonio Collante—stayed motionless, without taking a break for meals or going to the toilet, as the truck brought the casket of

₱25,000 EACH A4

## Sotomayor first Latina US justice

WASHINGTON—SONIA SOtomayor won confirmation on Thursday (Friday in Manila) as the first Hispanic US Supreme Court justice in a historic vote that capped a summer-long debate heavy with ethnic politics.

Sotomayor, President Barack Obama's first Supreme Court nominee, will be sworn in on Saturday as the court's 111th justice, third woman and first nominee by a Democrat in 15 years.

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## Row over Nat'l Artists awards now full-blown war

By Jerry E. Esplanada and Marlon Ramos

THE CONTROVERSY OVER two National Artists named by Malacañang shows that "so much falsehood, insincerity and hypocrisy have infested our culture," former censors chief Manuel Morato said yesterday.

It is "indicative of the culture of hatred that is so embedded in our society today," Morato said in the course of lamenting the violent reactions to the Palace's award of the title to his friends Carlo J. Caparas and Cecile Guidote-Alvarez.

"Even some members of our Catholic Church are guilty of it," said Morato, also a former chair of the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office and a defeated senatorial candidate in the 1992 and 2001 elections.

At a "necrological service" for the award—a protest action held yesterday afternoon and attended by the daughters of the late strongman Ferdinand Marcos, Imee and Irene—four National Artists "buried" their gold medallions to protest what they said was a mockery of the recognition given to exceptional Filipino artists.

National Artists for Literature Virgilio Almario and Bienvenido Lumbera vowed not to wear the medallions until President Macapagal-Arroyo recalls the title she conferred on Caparas, a komiks writer and film director, and Alvarez, the executive director of

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# Second FRONTPAGE

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# GMA signs CARP extension

By Carmela Reyes, Inquirer Central Luzon, and TJ Burgonio

PLARIDEL, BULACAN—PRESIDENT MACAPAGAL-ARROYO endeavored to relive history when she signed yesterday the law extending the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP) for five years in this agricultural town.

It was also in Plaridel that her father, the late President Diosdado Macapagal, signed Republic Act No. 3844, or the Agricultural Land Reform Code, on Aug. 8, 1963.

The elder Macapagal's signing of the Agrarian Reform Code set the tone for the country's land reform program, but it failed to take off because Congress did not provide funds for it, according to the Department of Agrarian Reform.

## Where it began

"Land reform began here. We're doing it here because Aug. 8, 1963 was the biggest day for my father. The whole family witnessed the signing. I was there, still a teenager," she said in a presigning media interview.

"That's why I'm very happy that we're here to continue CARPer," she added.

The law, a consolidation of House Bill No. 4077 and Senate Bill No. 2666 called CARP Extension with Reforms (CARPer), extends the CARP from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2014.

It provides a P150-billion outlay for the acquisition and distribution of 1.6 million hectares of all agricultural lands as well as support services for 1.2 million farmer-beneficiaries, according to Agrarian Reform Secretary Nasser Pangandaman.

Ms Arroyo said signing the CARPer was a fulfillment of her promise to make land reform one of her priority programs to improve the living conditions of Filipino farmers.

## Honoring Cory

She also said that extending the life of CARP also honored the memory of former President Corazon Aquino, who passed away late last week.

"Extending the program now is one way of showing our solidarity with the late former President Aquino in our dream of liberating our farmer-beneficiaries from the chains of poverty," she said.

The Senate ratified the bicameral conference committee report on the CARPer bill on Monday as a tribute to Aquino, whose administration's centerpiece program was the original CARP law which granted to tenant-farmers the right to the land they had been tilling for their landlords.

Aquino signed the 10-year Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Law in June 1988, making it her administration's centerpiece program. In 1998, it was extended for another 10 years to complete the distribution of lands.

When it expired in December last year, the Senate and the House adopted a joint resolution provisionally extending it pending the enactment of a new law.

Ms Arroyo, who is set to step down on June 30, 2010, is hoping to make the extension of CARP as one of her legacies.

The new law states that all public and private agricultural lands for land acquisition and distribution, except landholdings with an area of five hectares and less, are covered by CARP.

It spells out three phases for the acquisition and distribution of lands in five years, ranging in size from 10 hectares up to over 50 hectares, through the modes of voluntary land transfer, offer to sell, and compulsory acquisition.

A landholding will be distributed up to a maximum of three hectares for each qualified beneficiary, according to the law.

"There must be a path where justice and progress converge," Ms Arroyo said in the interview.

## Funds for land

According to the law, 40 percent of all funds for agrarian reform in the five years will be set aside for support services, such as land survey and titling, accelerated access to agricultural credit facilities, extension services, infrastructure and use of fertilizers, among others.

Senators, congressmen and government officials crowded around the President when she signed the law on a stage in a parked gym outside the municipal hall at around 10 a.m.

The witnesses included Senate President Juan Ponce Enrile and Senators Aquilino Pimentel Jr., Francis Pangilinan and Gregorio Honasan, House Deputy Speaker Amelita Villarosa, and Representatives Rodolfo Antonino, Elias Bulut, Edcel Lagman and [illegible], and other lawmakers, and Pangandaman.

Press Secretary Cerge Remonde said the CARPer's signing showed that administration and opposition leaders could unite to improve the lives of farmers in the country.

"It is history coming into full circle. More than that, we proved that opposition and administration leaders can unite to help farmers in our country," he said, stressing that administration and opposition lawmakers supported the bill.



PRESIDENT MACAPAGAL-ARROYO signs the CARPer law as legislators watch.

# Strange bedfellows: GMA, critics share CARP limelight

By TJ Burgonio

### Differences of opinion

### Part of the job



# Death sentence for farmers, solon laments

By Leila B. Salaverria

# Shell fights back, sues tormentors

By Tina G. Santos

# UST law dean named to fill 2nd vacant SC slot






ROBERTO ABAD

# Judge in Dacer case asked to inhibit self

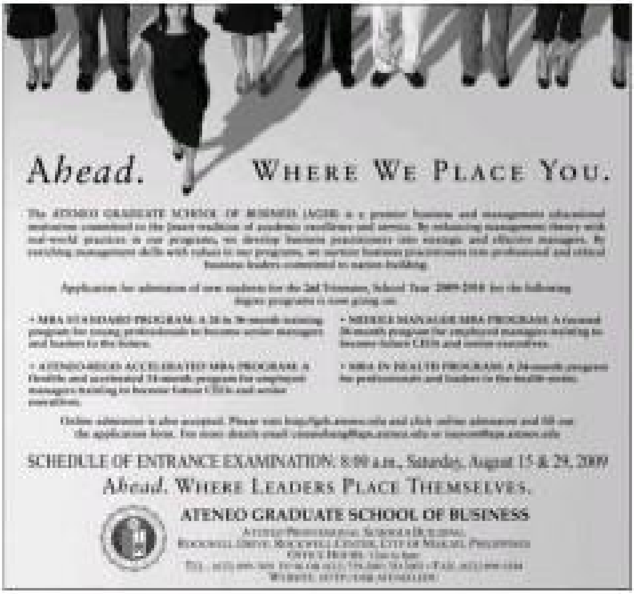
## Crowded courtroom

## 'No prejudice'




## Correction

## The Daily Gospel



# SC upholds poll automation law

By Norman Bordadora

THE SUPREME Court yesterday upheld the constitutionality of the law amending the Election Modernization Act after a party-list group questioned some of its provisions, including giving the Commission on Elections (Comelec) and Congress jurisdiction over pre-proclamation cases involving presidential, vice presidential and senatorial polls.

In a decision penned by Associate Justice Antonio Carpio, the high court dismissed for lack of merit the petition filed by the party-list group Banat (Barangay Association for National Advancement and Transparency) questioning the constitutionality of Republic Act 9369, or the law amending the poll automation law.

"Petitioner (Banat) failed to justify why RA 9369 and the assailed provisions should be declared unconstitutional," the Court said.

**No violation**

The Court said Sections 37 and 38 do not violate the Constitution, contrary to Banat's contention that these impaired the powers of the Presidential Electoral Tribunal (PET) and the Senate Electoral Tribunal (SET).

It said Congress and the Comelec en banc, even with the provisions of the law in question, do not encroach on the jurisdiction of the PET and SET.

**No conflict**

The Court said there was no conflict of jurisdiction between Congress and Comelec on the one hand, and the PET and the SET on the other since their respective powers "are exercised on different occasions and for different purposes."

It added that the jurisdiction of the PET and the SET can only be invoked when the winning presidential, vice presidential or senatorial candidates have already been proclaimed.

Under Section 37 of the law, Congress and the Comelec en banc shall only determine the authenticity and due execution of the certificates of canvass before the proclamation of the winning candidates.

The Court said Section 43, that gave prosecuting arms of the government concurrent jurisdiction to investigate and prosecute violations of election laws, also does not violate the Constitution.

**'Exclusive power'**

Granting the Comelec "exclusive power" to investigate and prosecute election offenses was not by virtue of the Constitution, but according to Batas Pambansa 881, it added.

The Court said that given the plenary power of the legislature, it can amend BP 881 without violating the Constitution.

# 9 dead in floods, slides

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## Baguio slide kills 3 brothers

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## Survivors

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## Survivor's account

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## Vehicles stalled

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## Pampanga, Pangasinan

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## Typhoon 'Kiko' weakens on way to Taiwan

By Alcuin Papa

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# Business as usual for jailed Singaporean illegal recruiter

### Team effort



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# Morbid media mix-up



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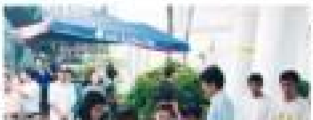
### 'I'm guilty'

### Self-flagellation

### Where's the apology?

### Typo

### Same boo-boo



THE DAY AFTER THOUSANDS CHEERED CORY



LAST LOOK

# Noynoy being touted as vice presidential bet



KIKO PANGILINAN

### Enough talent

### Political landscape changed

### LP short list

# ₱25,000 each for 4 honor guards

### Changing AFP image

### Not 15 minutes of fame

### 20 female guards also honored



CORY AQUINO AVENUE? Shrine of Our Lady of Peace is the centerpiece of Edsa named after the historian Epifanio de los Santos, now the main thoroughfare of the metropolis.

# Palace backs Cory-Ninoy P500 bill

By TJ Burgonio

### 'A shared devotion'

# Proposal to rename Edsa after Cory up

### Historical concerns

### Cory Aquino Day

# Cory sainthood? Wait 3 years, says bishop

By Yolanda Sotelo
Inquirer Northern Luzon

### Next step

### Virtues, weaknesses

### No doctors, no medicine

### Humble, prayerful



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# Celebrating Freedom from High Cost of Medicines

Pursuant to Republic Act No. 9502 otherwise known as the "Universally Accessible Cheaper Quality Medicines Act of 2008", the following medicines should be sold at a price NO HIGHER than the following **Maximum Drug Retail Prices** (MDRP)

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| | ***ANTI-CHOLESTEROL*** | |
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| | 20 mg film-coated tablet | 39.13 |
| | 40 mg film-coated tablet | 50.50 |
| | 80 mg film-coated tablet | 50.63 |
| | Amlodipine besilate 5 mg + Atorvastatin calcium 10 mg tablet | 45.75 |
| | Amlodipine besilate 5 mg + Atorvastatin calcium 20 mg tablet | 66.25 |
| | Amlodipine besilate 5 mg + Atorvastatin calcium 40 mg tablet | 84.42 |
| | Amlodipine besilate 5 mg + Atorvastatin calcium 80 mg tablet | 89.99 |
| | Amlodipine besilate 10 mg + Atorvastatin calcium 10 mg tablet | 51.13 |
| | Amlodipine besilate 10 mg + Atorvastatin calcium 20 mg tablet | 73.25 |
| | Amlodipine besilate 10 mg + Atorvastatin calcium 40 mg tablet | 91.79 |
| | Amlodipine besilate 10 mg + Atorvastatin calcium 80 mg tablet | 91.79 |
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This is effective **AUGUST 15, 2009**

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The price cuts will be effective starting August 15, 2009. However, the small and medium sized drugstores with manual operations will be allowed until September 15, 2009 to reconcile and validate inventories already in the shelves.

After this date, appropriate sanctions would be imposed on non-compliant manufacturers, distributors, traders, retailers, and others.

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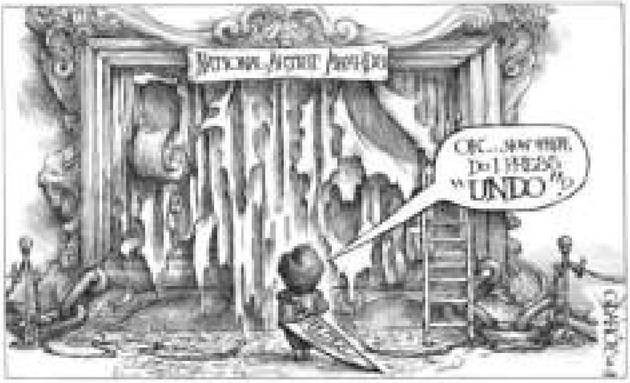
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ARTISTS UP IN ARMS

# Row over Nat'l Artists awards now full-blown war



MONATO: Stop spreading culture of hatred.



CAPARAS: My critics are elitist for belittling my work.



ALVAREZ: I'm not part of selection process.

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# Most Moros want Islam gov't–study

DAVAO CITY—A GROUP OF PEACE ADVOCATES said yesterday it will present to government and Moro guerrilla negotiators the results of a yearlong study and consultation showing while most Moro people desire an Islamic government, few of them really understood how it would work.

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## People run for cover when crop dusters fly



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# Taguig cops set 24-hour watch over C5

AMID REPORTS OF STONING INCIDENTS AND the lack of visible policemen, authorities have mounted a 24-hour watch along C5 Road in Taguig City.

## Tight security on Rodriguez town landfill now enforced

**Political motives**

## 2 arrested over fake P1,000 bills

# Ex-pastor drowns in swollen river

By Julie M. Aurelio

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## Missing 2-year-old boy fished out of Pasig

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GETTING READY FOR A RECOUNT

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## Morning fire hits hardware

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## Complaint vs loud singing almost cost a man his life

By Julie M. Aurelio

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## Man forces students to join frat; is arrested

By Tina G. Santos

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## Mike Arroyo needs bodyguards

ON TARGET



Ramon Tulfo

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## Strike vs PASG still on

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# Pakistan believes Taliban chief Mehsud dead



# Britain to free great train robber Ronnie Biggs




# Cyber attack silences Twitter for much of day

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# China nuclear chief in $260-M graft probe

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# Pregnant Briton returns from Laos jail

## Heroin smuggler impregnated self with convict to dodge death penalty



# The WORLD

Editor: Lanie B. Guzman

# Clinton trip no precedent for dictators—White House

WASHINGTON—THE WHITE HOUSE HAS DISmissed claims that Bill Clinton's recent mission to nuclear-armed North Korea could set a precedent for other rogue states seeking a public relations bonanza.

The former US president was reportedly preparing to brief the US security establishment, which is desperate for rare intelligence from inside the reclusive state, and for a face-to-face meeting with President Barack Obama.

There were also fears that Clinton's three hours of talks with isolated leader Kim Jong-Il this week ranged much further than the fate of the two jailed US female journalists for whom he traveled to Pyongyang to secure.

White House spokesperson Robert Gibbs pooh-poohed claims that Clinton's mission, characterized by Washington as a private humanitarian venture, could encourage other US foes to seek a similar moment in the spotlight.

"I don't read a lot of precedent into it," Gibbs said on Thursday, sending a fresh signal that North Korea's release of the reporters would not dissuade international pressure for a halt to its nuclear program.

"If they would like to see a greater international breakthrough, then they just have to come back to the table to live up to the responsibilities that they entered into."

Conservative critics of Clinton's dramatic trip have complained that such a move could be leveraged by North Korea as a "reward" for belligerent behavior.

But the former president's wife, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, defended the mission, saying similar initiatives had been undertaken by other respected figures and members of Congress.

"It is absolutely not rewarding them. It is not in any way responding to specific demands," she told CNN in an interview from Nairobi.

Bill Clinton was tight-lipped about the visit except to say he had not gone beyond the State Department's previous expression of regret over the incident.

"The young women had acknowledged that they did go into North Korea briefly, a few steps, and that they shouldn't have done it. And the secretary of state had previously said that the United States regretted that," he said at his foundation in New York.

"I was not asked for any more, nor did I offer any more."

The White House has said reports by Pyongyang's official media that Clinton apologized for the journalists' conduct were false.

National Security Adviser James Jones said that despite US delight at the outcome of Clinton's mission, it had not changed the relationship between Washington and its Cold War foe.

"I wouldn't draw any other conclusions beyond the fact this was a good event. We certainly hope it can lead to good things, but we won't know that for a while."

Bill Clinton gave an initial readout of his North Korea mission last Wednesday to a member of the National Security Council, the White House said, adding that a more formal briefing would take place "quickly."

He is also expected to meet Obama, but Clinton said he would let the White House do the talking. AFP



FORMER US President Bill Clinton (left) with North Korean leader Kim Jong-Il in Pyongyang, North Korea, on Aug. 4. AP

# Abuse of drug linked to Jackson's death grows among US doctors

AS AN ANESTHESIOLOGIST in a Nebraska hospital, he administered it to patients daily—propofol, a drug used to sedate millions of patients before surgery.

One day he heard his colleagues discussing an article about propofol abuse.

"I thought, how the heck can you abuse propofol?" said the doctor, who asked not to be identified. "Then, in the back of my mind, I thought, 'I wonder what that feels like?'" Soon, the doctor was injecting himself at home to sleep, then to feel its mild euphoria, then because he could not stop. He would take home leftovers from his patients' surgical procedures—easy to do, because propofol is not a controlled substance.

Propofol is a high-risk drug that Michael Jackson was given before he died, according to sources close to his family.

While Jackson's apparent method of using the drug was unusual—with a private doctor in his home—researchers and addiction experts say propofol abuse is growing, particularly among people with medical access like the Nebraska doctor, who was treated for addiction and disciplined by state medical authorities but allowed to resume administering propofol in the operating room.

Propofol's benefits have made it one of the most widely used anesthetics. It wears off quickly, leaves no grogginess or nausea and is not believed to be physically addictive.

A white liquid that doctors refer to as "milk of amnesia," abusers like it because it induces relaxation or sleep, can cause mild euphoria and leaves the bloodstream so quickly that it is difficult to detect.

But propofol can be dangerous if not monitored, because it can slow breathing or lower blood pressure to the point of death. Abusers who inject it often pass out instantly.

Dr. Paul H. Earley, medical director of the Talbott Recovery Campus in Atlanta, said that people drawn to propofol seem to have histories of "physical or sexual abuse," which, he said, "makes sense, because the drug really produces that dissociative state—you're disconnected from yourself." He added, "That is the state that a lot of people hunger for if they've been through trauma in life. That would slide off that state for a few moments, and the person would wake up refreshed."

Dr. John F. Dombrowski, a board member of the American Society of Anesthesiologists, said that propofol was introduced about 20 years ago and "revolutionized the practice of medicine." It replaced sodium pentothal, whose side effects included nausea. It is used for colonoscopies, surgery on hips and broken bones and plastic surgery. NYT



# SPORTS







# Koreans daunt Powerade-RP 5



## Guiao: They have the size, speed, shooting we want



# Puyat tops US Am qualifier; Cyna falls



# Hurting Tigers out to thwart Maroons

By Jasmine W. Payo



# Fiba Asia big guns hold fort; Wright big for Jordanians

By Musong R. Castillo

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### PAF bet tops criterium

### 75 fights at SJC cockfest

## The greatest performance of Cory's life

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Recah Trinidad



# Milo 42K finals slots race on in Tagbilaran, Baguio City

# Trackster eyeing five golds in Laos

By Marc Anthony Reyes

# Magic's Lewis fails drug test, out 10 games



NEW YORK—ORLANDO MAGIC forward Rashard Lewis tested positive for an elevated testosterone level and was suspended Thursday for 10 games.

# Zheng ousts Safina; Sharapova thru



# Benito tops 5th leg but Orduna still overall leader



# Forest Hills, Valley pull off escape acts, regain Fed golf lead



## UAAP, ABS CBN & Araneta Colisuem invite more fans to witness UAAP Spectacle On August 9

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# Wilson stars as Bombers score

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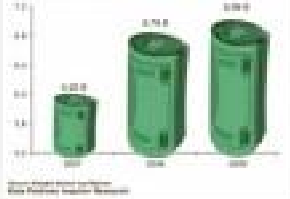
# BUSINESS




# Remittances seen hitting $17B this year

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**OFW remittances at $7 B (January to May 2007-2009, in US dollars)**



## Economist says WB, IMF forecast model flawed

By Michelle V. Remo

REMITTANCES SENT BY OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS WILL grow further this year despite the ill-effects of the global economic downturn, an economist from the University of Asia & the Pacific said.

Bernardo Villegas, known among economists as the "prophet of boom," disagreed with forecasts by the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank and other institutions that remittances sent to the Philippines would plunge this year as a result of job cuts offshore.

He said remittances would likely post a 4-percent growth to $17 billion this year from last year's $16.4 billion.

"The World Bank and the IMF have a very erroneous model when it comes to projecting remittances," Villegas said. He said the two foreign lenders generalize the impact of a global crisis on remittances sent to various countries.

He said that unlike other nationals, Filipinos working offshore are the priorities of foreign employers when selecting who among their workers are to be retained.

Villegas said forecasts of a decline in remittances were already proven wrong by the latest data from the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP), which showed that money sent by overseas Filipinos rose 2.8 percent to $6.99 billion in the first five months of the year.

BSP Governor Amando Tetangco Jr. said

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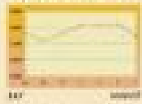
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**Stocks retreat on Wall St. fall**

## Land values seen softening this year

LAND VALUES WILL LIKELY FALL THIS year as the tough economic situation cut demand for property, the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) said.

LAND VALUES B4

ALL-TIME HIGH

## Forex reserves hit $39.99B

THE COUNTRY'S FOREIGN EXCHANGE reserves continued to hit record levels, reaching $39.99 billion as of end-July.

FOREX B4

## SM Prime posts 8% profit jump

By Doris C. Dumlao

SM PRIME HOLDINGS INC. POSTED an 8-percent growth in first semester net profit as the retail sector remained resilient to the global economic downturn.

SM PRIME B4



# ICTSI net profit down 39% in first six months

## Exec cites weak port volume, debt charges

INTERNATIONAL CONTAINER Terminal Services Inc. yesterday reported a net income of $...

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## Philippine Stock Exchange

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# Bank lending up 11% as of end-June

## BSP says credit crunch unlikely

# Ayala Land first-half profit down 36%

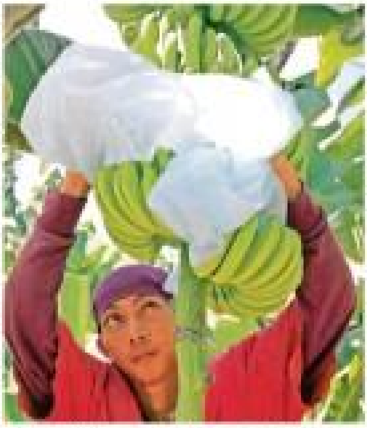
# Insular expects double-digit growth in '09

# BDO purchase of GEMB approved



# Soon, Philippine bananas will make trip to US

## Once measures are in place, traders may ship agri product, USDA says



A PLANTATION worker covers a bunch of bananas in plastic. Agriculture Secretary Arthur Yap says the USDA move "brings us one step closer to our goal of providing our local banana growers the opportunity to penetrate the US mainland market."

## Philex shares surge as another bid war looms

## Prices of yellow corn falling

# Approval of DICT measure seen likely before May 2010

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# Healthy gut key to strong body

By Charles E. Buban

WHAT YOU PUT IN YOUR gut—which is mainly the intestine—may dictate the difference between having a healthy body or one that is prone to ailments.



## Supplement contents

## A rook's worm-catching tools

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*Maxxie Santos Ballon*

### Some creative thinking

### First empirical evidence

## Health springs eternal

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### Ailments healed

### Guidelines

## Run for your health

## Worldwide alert: Diabetes rising at a frightening level



5 MORE YEARS

# KA DADONG'S LEGACY GOES ON

Forty-six years ago, President Diosdado Macapagal fiercely pressed for the ratification of Republic Act 3844, now known as the Agrarian Reform Code in the face of an apathetic, landlord dominated Congress.



'Ka Dadong', a son of a farmer, was taking the cudgels for the landless peasants.

On August 8, 1963, he signed RA 3844 into a law. Such gain was, however, negated by Congress which didn't allot funds for the mandatory measure.

It took over two more decades and the spirit of People Power to finally pursue the vision of Ka Dadong, when the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP) was created in June 1988.

With symbolic significance, Her Excellency, President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo also signed into law the consolidated Senate Bill No. 2666 and House Bill No. 4077, which extended to five years the implementation of the CARP.

CARP's land distribution program supposedly ended last year. As the call for its extension was repeatedly challenged by some sectors, enlightened citizens led by the Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines (CBCP) stood up to defend the program from those who attempted to block the full liberation of the farmers from the bondage of the soil.

Hence, with the signing of the law, the President, like a dutiful daughter, now takes on the task of continuing the legacy of her father, steering new hope to those who till the land.

"My father emancipated the farmers, let us now emancipate the titles," she declared in her recent state of the nation address.

"The new law evokes the administration's resolve to consolidate, continue and complete the promise of agrarian reform. The reform measures incorporated in the law are meant to conquer the challenges of sustaining the gains of agrarian reform and ensuring rural progress," Agrarian Reform Secretary Nasser C. Pangandaman said.

## Sustaining the Gains of CARP

Since the CARP started, 4.5 M farmers were able to own 7.2 M hectares of the lands, the highest land transfer recorded in the history of agrarian reform worldwide. Of these, the Department of Agrarian Reform awarded 4.106 M hectares to 2.4 M farmer-beneficiaries while the rest, consisting of upland and ancestral domains were distributed by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources. Likewise, some 1.7 M hectares were placed under leasehold arrangement with 1.2 M tenant farmers.

As the leading agency to implement agrarian reform, the DAR is ready to put up an enduring edifice through the distribution of the remaining 1.06 M hectares of agricultural lands to landless farmers.

But as the President repeatedly proclaimed, agrarian reform is not just parceling out lands. It means just as importantly as providing the means to make it productive.

In the next five years, a number of support services will be provided to the farmers to scale up economic activities in distant provinces, such as electricity through solar power, roads and bridges, post harvest facilities, microfinance, healthcare, modern farming technology and free education to farmers' children through the President Diosdado Macapagal Agrarian Scholarship Program.

Agrarian reform is the government's contribution to encourage the transformation of the country's rural communities.

With CARP's renewed development programs, Ka Dadong's vision for the countryside surely did not come to naught.



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# Avoid the common pitfalls in housing loans

By Tessa R. Salazar

FIRST-TIME BUYERS OF HOUSE and lots who find the housing loan terms and limits of private banks too steep would be relieved to know that they are most welcome to apply for a Pag-Ibig housing loan.

In fact, the most number of Pag-Ibig housing loan members/applicants belong to the economic bracket of those who can afford to buy a house and lot worth only P400,000-P750,000 bracket with more than 10,000 borrowers and P400,000 or less having the next most number of borrowers with over 9,000.

And from these tens of thousands of borrowers, Pag-Ibig shares with Inquirer Property a laundry list of housing loan no-nos that would result in delayed, or even denied, applications.

**1** The amount on the Deed of Absolute Sale is lower than the approved loan. The amount should never be less than the approved loan.

**2** Applying for loans to buy a property with an encumbrance (a general term for any claim or lien on a parcel of real property). These include mortgages, deeds of trust, recorded abstracts of judgment, unpaid real property taxes, tax liens, mechanic's liens, easements, and water or timber rights. While the owner has title, any encumbrance is usually in record (with the County Recorder or Recorder of Deeds) and must be paid for at some point.), e.g., Section 7 (reconstitution) or Section 4 (Rule 6).

Solution: Before the actual execution of the contract, verify with the HDMF (Home Development Mutual Fund) if the property is acceptable to the institution.

**3** Inclusion of improvements outside of the unit (e.g., fence) which is not part of the HDMF financing.

Solution: Consult HDMF first before pursuing the construction.

**4** Part of the bill of materials was reduced (some items such as ceiling and flooring were deleted) just so this will fit the loan amount granted for construction. However, the borrower will utilize the releases to finance the same items that were earlier deleted, resulting in lower succeeding loan releases.

Solution: Follow the bill of materials evaluated by the HDMF.

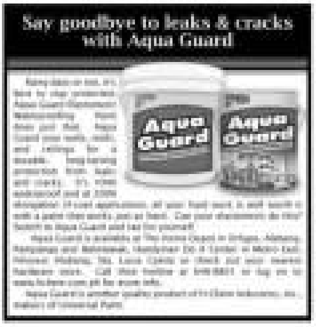
**5** Borrowers who are separated from their husbands/wives apply for housing loans even without the signature of the spouse.

Solution: The member should present his or her legal separation papers before the Fund can accept the loan application.

Aside from Pag-Ibig Fund, the Government Service Insurance System, the Social Security System and the Land Bank of the Philippines are also into home financing. However, as of 2007, the Pag-Ibig Fund recorded the single biggest share in the country's housing loan portfolio, making up 40 percent, which is higher than the total amount loaned out by all banks combined.

For inquiries, call the Pag-Ibig hotline at 724-4244.




# Taking bold strides the Geo Estate way

GREAT AMBITIONS BEGIN WITH A CLEAR vision. For Geo Estate Development Corp., that vision began in 2007 with a large parcel of land in the Makati Business District. Seeing the land's potential for an innovative mid-market development, Geo Estate embarked on its maiden project, The Beacon.

With the guidance of its chair, Philippine real estate icon Francisco Licuanan III, Geo Estate designed The Beacon to be a superior value real estate product for the modern urban dweller. The Beacon is a three-tower residential condominium development infused with luxurious amenities and a resort ambience. Once all three phases of its development are complete, The Beacon will redefine condominium living by offering its residents an exclusive residential resort lifestyle in Makati City.

## Unique facilities, services

In planning The Beacon, Geo Estate kept the needs and wants of condominium owners in mind and incorporated unique facilities and services into its design. A resort-style pool with lap lanes, signature gardens, a well-equipped gym, massage rooms, mini theater and a Sky Lounge serve to melt away the tensions of city life. Concierge and property management services complete the package.

The Beacon lifestyle is unlike anything else in the city: a daily resort experience without the long drive. Units are designed with elements bound to relax and rejuvenate. Premium flooring, kitchen and bathroom finishes as well as large windows are blended together to create a stylish but functional living space.


ARTIST'S perspective of a resort-style pool with lap lanes.


A MINI theater to melt away tensions of city life.

Roxas Tower offers studios, one-bedroom and loft units while the Arnaiz Tower boasts of studio units which can be combined to form one-, two- or three-bedroom units. Easy financing plans make it easier to own a piece of this exquisite investment.

Phase 1 of the Beacon, which includes Roxas Tower, was almost completely sold out within a year of its sales launch. Despite prevailing macroeconomic concerns and the fact that it's a new entrant in an industry with many large, established players, Geo Estate was able to sell over 1,000 residential units.

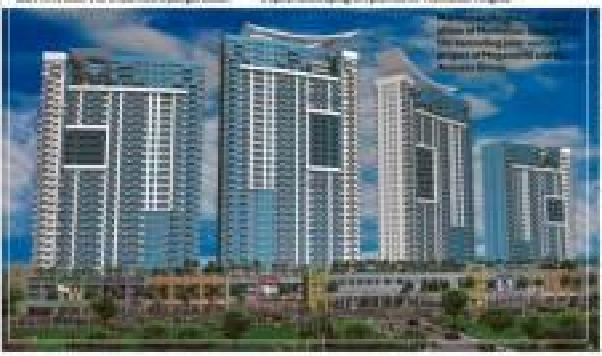
Structural works on the 44-storey Roxas tower has now reached the 42nd floor. Phase 2 of the project, which includes Arnaiz Tower, has already begun selling. The exceedingly positive performance of the first two phases of The Beacon bodes well for the company.

A residential subdivision project in Cavite is next for Geo Estate. But it is The Beacon that has given Geo Estate Corp. a strong foundation. Clearly, the project, whose name denotes guiding light, has done just that.

# Posh amenities abound at Manhattan Heights


Manhattan Garden City is the first and only transit-oriented development that is connected to the LRT-2 and MRT-3 lines. The whole metro just got closer.


More than 20 varied amenities, including this lap pool amidst vibrant tropical landscaping, are planned for Manhattan Heights.


Manhattan Heights, the third phase of Manhattan Garden City, the township joint venture project of Megaworld and Araneta Group.

Relaxing at home is great, but what if you need to buy some grocery items you forgot, or want to go for a refreshing swim on a Saturday afternoon? Just thinking about getting into your car again or having to commute is already tiring. Wouldn't it be great if you could live in a place where everything you need is only a few steps away? If your answer is yes, then Manhattan Heights is the well-situated sanctuary that you are looking for.

"We are very excited about Manhattan Heights, the third phase of Manhattan Garden City. With the number and diversity of amenities at hand, residents don't even have to leave the premises to enjoy the weekend. They can find everything here, from fine dining to fitness facilities," noted Megaworld Central Properties Inc. President Anthony Charlemagne Yu.

"Our residents will enjoy hours of relaxation and recreation at the fourth level podium deck, where most of the amenities are located. This area also connects all the towers in Manhattan Heights, and leads to the amenity decks of each residential phase," Yu added.

Outdoor amenities include tree-lined jogging paths, a swimming pool, and an outdoor spa. A contemplative area and meditation area are for those who wish to practice yoga, do some tai-chi, or simply declutter their mind. For residents who want to catch up on their reading, comfortable sitting areas and pavilions are strategically positioned.

A play zone for children, a reflexology path and landscaped gardens also abound. The indoor amenities can be found in Towers B and C. These include a gym for those who wish to do some resistance training and aerobics, as well as a spa and sauna. If residents need to catch up with some work, meeting rooms and function rooms answer their business needs. In addition to these, a day care center keeps children safe and sound as their parents attend to some duties.

The four topmost levels of each tower are known as the Sky Garden floors, and they have direct access to "sky gardens" – lush, landscaped settings with benches, palm trees and colorful flowers. Residents can enjoy fresh air and serenity while reading a book, or simply admiring the lovely view that the sky gardens provide. At the ground level of the residences one can find retail outlets, making shopping a fun yet efficient experience.

Since Manhattan Garden City is a transit-oriented development, Manhattan Heights residents have direct access to the MRT-3 and LRT-2 lines via elevated garden walkways. The extensive network of walkways also leads to the Gateway Mall and Araneta Coliseum. The development is less than 20 minutes away from the Makati CBD, 15 minutes away from Marikina, and less than 10 minutes away from Ortigas via the train lines.

For more information on Manhattan Heights, please call 813-3333 or visit the Manhattan Garden City showroom at the Sidewalk of Gateway Mall.



LIFESTYLE
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# My childhood in the time of Cory

I was a kid in the first Edsa, an adult in the second–and she was in both of my proudest moments

By Pam Pastor

I WAS STILL AWAKE WHEN CORY Aquino died. A friend's Facebook status popped up: "RIP Cory."

Oh my God, I said. She's gone.

It shouldn't have come as a shock; she had been sick for over a year and had been in the hospital for weeks. But her death still seemed sudden, her goodbye coming too soon.

I tried to think of my Facebook status. I had to say something. Her death was something I couldn't ignore.

Coldplay's "Yellow" started playing in my head. But I decided not to post lyrics. Instead, I wrote, "Pam Pastor thinks she's finally with Ninoy." It was a beautiful thought, one that offered comfort.

Unlike Michael Jackson's death, Cory's passing felt personal. I never met her; she didn't know who I am, but I feel [illegible] someone.

When you think about it, [illegible] Our lives are linked by history. We believed in the same things, we fought the same battles.

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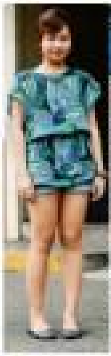




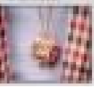







**Mitzi Ong, 20**

**Patty Mendoza, 19**



**Paulo Luz, 21**



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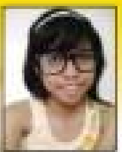



**Annie Bautista, 20**



**Chantal Tee, 21**

# Who is Cory to us?






The Pride of Archers Stories of Don Allado and Hyram Bagatsing



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Green Artists Sing of Earth's Abundance



# My childhood in the time of Cory

#### Mourning

#### Out on the streets



PEOPLE POWER
The second Edsa revolution

#### Pillar of faith

#### Yellow ribbon



## Cory—in the eyes of UAAP athletes

# 2bU LifeStyle



# Ateneo vs. La Salle –more alike than they'd like to be

This season, the UAAP's epic rivals seem to be mirror images of each other

By Adrian M. Os

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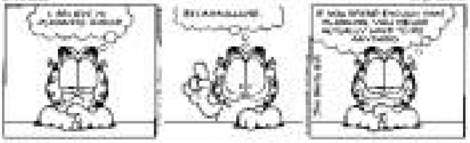
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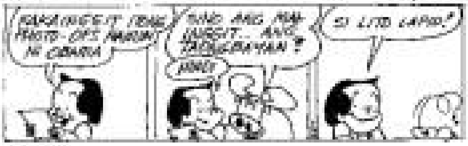


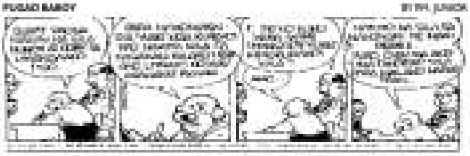
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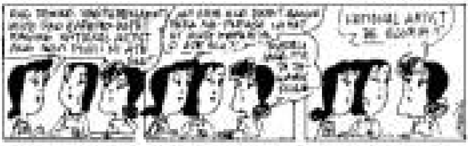
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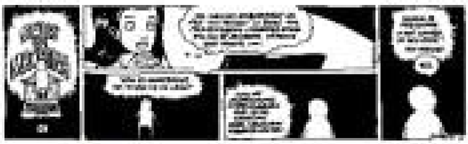
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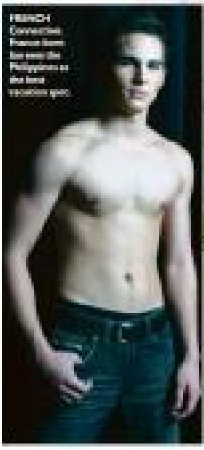
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Answer to previous puzzle

## 2BU CAMPUS HOTTIE

# Ian Mach – on a roll on his bike

The 19-year-old La Salle student says he does study a lot, which makes him 'boring'



FRENCH Connection: France-born Ian sees the Philippines as the best vacation spot.



TRIAL biking: "The objective is to climb obstacles and make jumps"

### Passion

### Scholarship

# Ateneo vs. La Salle – more alike than they'd like to be

### The Beach Mob

### The Man of Steal

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# KEEPING FIT WITH HOUSEHOLD CHORES

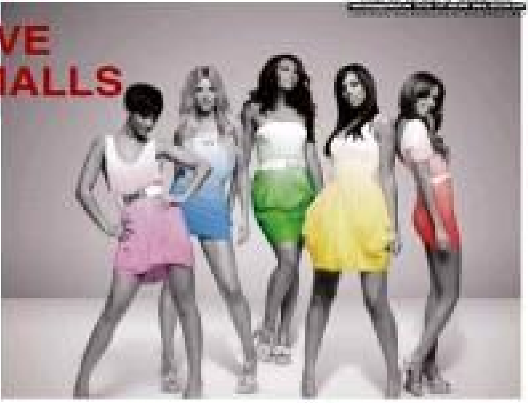


CALORIES BURNED FOR VARIOUS HOUSEHOLD ACTIVITIES

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# THE SATURDAYS LIVE AT THE SM SUPERMALLS





## SPEND THIS SATURDAY WITH THE SATURDAYS AT SM MEGAMALL

Britain's hottest girl group is coming to Manila and you can see them live at SM Megamall this weekend! On Saturday, August 8th at 3:30pm, Frankie, Mollie, Vanessa, Rochelle and Una will liven up the Activity Center as they perform their popular dance tunes from their debut album, Chasing Lights.



The Saturdays earned their fame from their chart-topping singles, *If This is Love*, *Up* and the remake of Depeche Mode's *Just Can't Get Enough*. *Up* has also been among the top singles on iTunes and Billboard. Their new singles, *Issues* and *Work* have also surpassed the 3-million hit count on YouTube.

Before they became The Saturdays, the girls had already made names for themselves on their own: half-Filipino Vanessa White grew up in Davao before moving to the UK and attending the prestigious Sylvia Young Theatre School. Frankie Sanford and Rochelle Wiseman belonged to a group known as the S Club Juniors. Mollie King performed in the UK show, X Factor and appeared in two episodes of an online show called Sam King. Una, meanwhile, was a member of a rock band before auditioning for the group.

The Saturdays' promotional concert at SM Megamall will be hosted by Tonyton, Slick Rick and Sam Y G from Boys Night Out on Magic 89.9.

As the center for the ultimate malling experience, SM Megamall hosts world-class entertainment, limitless shopping options and diverse dining selections, all under one roof. And with valet parking plus free WiFi access anywhere you go, who says a day at the mall can't be an absolute convenience as well?



MEGAMALL

It will be Saturday afternoons live as The Saturdays, the hottest British girl group, perform at the SM Supermalls this weekend. Unwind after a busy workweek and catch them as they perform live on Friday, August 7 at 5:00 PM at The Block at SM City North-EDSA and on Saturday, August 8 at 3:30 PM at the Activity Center of SM Megamall.

Frankie, Mollie, Vanessa, Rochelle, and Una will be in Manila to promote their debut album Chasing Lights, and they will be making a stop at the SM Supermalls, which has become a venue for world class entertainment.

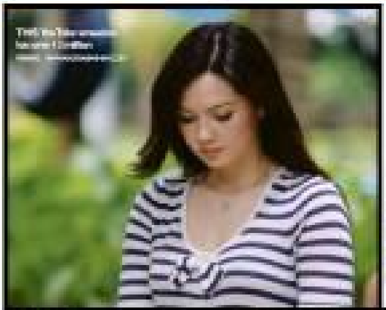
Coming from their own paths of fame in the UK, these five girls all came together at an audition in 1997, and since have become The Saturdays. From then on, they have established a name as a group with their tracks being used as background music in several TV shows.

Billboard affirms their chart topping singles with a review of their album saying it "has the infectious quality which proves the recent top 10 success of their singles". In Chasing Lights, The Saturdays offer us a little bit of everything in their songs - ballads, R&B, and songs that you can definitely dance to. They give us a modern kind of pop. This is a genre that is a staple in the music industry.

Banish the weekend blues and enjoy the sounds of The Saturdays live at The Block at SM City North-EDSA on Friday, August 7 at 5:00 PM and at the Activity Center of SM Megamall on Saturday, August 8 at 3:30 PM.

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THE SINGER recognizes her Japanese, Irish and American heritage.



# 'Cover' girl

## 'I'm not a belter, I'm a simple singer'

By Nina Mark M. Sablan
Contributor

MARIÉ DIGBY DOES LOOK like a magazine cover girl. She has flawless, porcelain-white skin, long, jet-black hair, plus she looks amazing from any angle.

Digby is even more stunning in person: She is slim and statuesque, has unbelievable presence, and her Japanese, Irish and American heritage gives her a unique look. Look a little longer and you see some Zhang Ziyi and Bjork in her.

During this shoot for Super, however, she blurted something: "I'm not a model," she said with a giggle. "I'm a singer."

Running out of poses, she then did some silly ones.

This musical jill-of-all-trades (she sings, writes songs, and plays both the guitar and the piano) started her career in 2004, when she won in a voice competition sponsored by the shampoo brand Pantene Pro. She got to work with a professional album producer and perform with top musicians as part of her prize. Eventually, Digby inked a deal with Disney's Hollywood Records.

She released her debut album "Unfold" in 2008. It contained the hits "Say It Again" and "Stupid for You." In 2009 came a Japanese studio album. Her songs have also been used in several TV shows such as "Smallville" and "The Hills."

However, most people know Digby as the YouTube "cover" girl with interesting versions of various songs, from Britney Spears' "Gimme More" to Maroon 5's "Wake Me Wonder." Her video channel currently has over 200,000 subscribers. Its most famous, most viewed and most discussed video (over 13 million views) is her acoustic rendition of Rihanna's "Umbrella."

This song—together with tracks from her new album "Breathing Underwater" under MCA Music Inc.—was what she performed during her one-night-only concert last Aug. 1 at the Mo' Tent.

Super had a chat with the YouTube sensation before she flew out of the country.

**What cover are you most proud of?**

My personal favorite is probably the Incubus song, "Love Hurts." I love it. For me, a successful cover is when I am able to make it my own and not sound like the original, so I really like that one.

**How different is your version of "Love Hurts" from the original one?**

The original one is a full-band production so it's got drums, bass and guitar and all that. What I made into a more of a piano ballad.

**Among all the covers you've done, what's been the most challenging?**

"My Life." That one was hard to learn because of the rap. There were so many lyrics and I usually shoot and I put the lyrics up on the screen when I am doing the video. But this one, it's so quick that I had to memorize it. It took me about 50 takes to get it right. There was only one that I got it right, and that's the one I uploaded.

**What cover received a lot of criticism from people?**

I got the most flak for probably "Umbrella" and "The Game." I knew I would get a lot of flak for doing "The Game" because a lot of people would say, "What business does a little acoustic singer-songwriter girl have singing a rap song?" But I just wanted to show people that I love all genres of music.

**What songs do you still want to cover?**

I'm really into this new song by Lupe Fiasco right now called "Shining Down," and I also like Asiatic's "Why R U," which is a new single.

**Some singer-songwriters think they're better than singers because they're versatile. How do you feel about this?**

I don't see it that way at all. People ask me all the time, why don't you try out for "American Idol" or for any of those talent shows. I say, because I'd never make it. That's a different type of singing to me. I don't even have a vibrato. I'm not a belter. I'm a simple singer, and I don't think that coverage would have worked for me. But I don't think myself superior just because I write songs. There are people with fantastic voices who don't need to write songs, and by the way, there are writers who can't sing—so they need both, too.

**Who have you been compared to the most—vocally, musically and physically?**

I've heard everything from Bjork to—I love Bjork—someone said Zhang Ziyi, Michelle Branch and Vanessa Carlton. I don't even know if Vanessa Carlton has any Asian in her, but she looks like she can be half-Asian. I think Michelle Branch does have some Asian blood in her, so maybe that's why people see these similarities.

**If someone would do a cover of one of your songs, who would you like that to be?**

I really like Imogen Heap. I think she does an incredible job of taking a song that's already out there and giving it a total different spin.

**Which song of yours?**

"Unfold," maybe.

*For more of Marié Digby, check out www.youtube.com/user/MarieDigby.*

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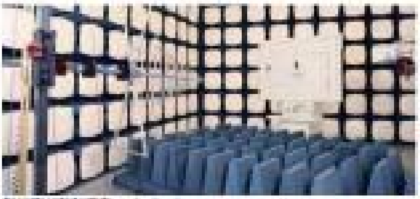
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By Wengga Gallego

## Finnish phone giant Nokia makes its world-class products in a 'campus' in Beijing

HAVING A MAJOR MANUFACTURING plant in Beijing can become problematic, with the common notion that China-made products are not of the highest quality.

But Nokia is striving to dispel that perception. Recently it invited media from all over the world to visit its factory called the Nokia China Campus, to show that "Made in China" doesn't mean substandard.

Louise Ingram, communications director for Nokia China, said that Nokia has a billion customers in the world. Therefore, it is of the highest priority for the Finnish cell phone brand to ensure that its products meet the world-class standards it has built a name on.

Nokia China Vice President David Tang also said Nokia is considered the fifth most valued brand in the world, with McDonald's at number 8 and Disney at number 9. China is Nokia's largest single country market globally, where it had sold "71.3 million units in 2006," added Tang.



### Industrial park

The Nokia China Campus is not a campus in the academic sense, but an "innovation hub" that is linked to all of Nokia's suppliers to ensure that ordered parts are shipped out quickly. All materials the Nokia phones are made from parts sourced globally. Nokia's global suppliers such as Sanyo, Hitachi Company, FIRMS, SAVCOM, IL-COTEQ, and others were invited to put up factories right beside the Nokia plant at the Xingwang Industrial Park, located in the southern Yong Ji Road in Beijing.

Like a factory assembly line, each part is made by its respective supplier and then brought to Nokia for assembly into phones. Tang said this allows the company to quickly supply phones based on the demands of particular markets, and to have the units shipped out on the last flight out.

The factory is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, with four working shifts a day. It has 4,500 employees and over 2,000 research and development personnel who are working solely on product development and new technology. The campus has also park...

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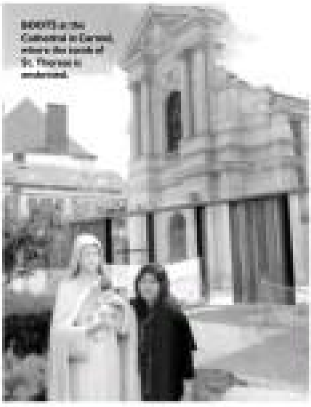
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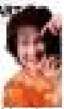
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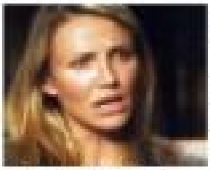

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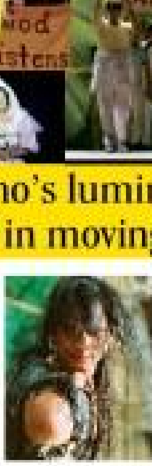
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